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Assistant Commissioner of Patents Washington, DC 20231

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 4, 2002, the following remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

REMARKS

Claims 22, 24-28, 30-32, 34, 39-50, 52 and 54 are pending in the above-identified application.

Obviousness-type Double Patenting

The pending claims have been rejected on the grounds of obviousness-type double patenting over the claims of U.S. Patents 6,131,566 and 6,253,762. The pending claims have also been rejected on the grounds of obviousness-type double patenting over the claims of U.S. Patent Application Nos. 09/562,946; 09/506,834; 09/570,789;